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Session An Act for the Repairing and Inlarging of the Church in the City of Annapolis; and for the Building a Chapel of Ease, in the Parish of St. Anne's, in Anne-Arundel County: And to impower the Raising and Levying a Quantity of Tobacco, for that Purpose.

Whereas on the Petition of the Vestry-Men, Church-Wardens and Inhabitants of St. Anne's Parish, in Anne-Arundel County, it appears to this General Assembly, that the Church in the City of Annapolis, to which the said Inhabitants resort for Divine Worship, is not only very much decayed and ruinous, but also too small and inconvenient for that Purpose; and also that the said Parish is of such Extent, that many of the said Inhabitants cannot, without great Fatigue and Trouble, attend the Worship of God, in the said Church:

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for, and the Vestry and Church-Wardens of the said Parish, are hereby authorized and impowered, to inlarge or cause to be inlarged and repaired, the said Church in the City of Annapolis, with such Dimensions, and in such Manner, as to them, or the major Part of them, shall seem meet and proper: And also, that it shall and may be lawful for, and the said Vestry is hereby authorized and impowered to build, or cause to be built, a Chapel of Ease, of such Dimensions, and in such Manner, as to them, or the major Part of them, shall be adjudged proper; which said Chapel shall be built and stand in such Part and Place of the said Parish, as shall be determined, agreed upon, and adjudged most convenient, by the Inhabitants, or the major Part of them, residing in the Upper Part of the said Parish; and which said Inhabitants may and shall meet together, for the Determination and Agreement of such Place, upon convenient Notice, to be inserted for that Purpose, by the said Vestry and Church-Wardens, in the Maryland Gazette.

And for the defraying the Charge and Expence of such Inlargement, Reparation and Building, Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the p. 24 Justices of Anne-Arundel County-Court, shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and directed, on the Application of the said Vestry and Church-Wardens, to assess and levy, by Two several Assessments on the Inhabitants of the said Parish, any Quantity or Quantities of Tobacco, not exceeding in the whole the Quantity of Forty Thousand; and which said Quantity or Quantities of Tobacco, so to be assessed and levied, shall be collected by the Sheriff of the said County, who is hereby authorized and directed to collect the same; and who shall have for such Collection, at and after the Rate